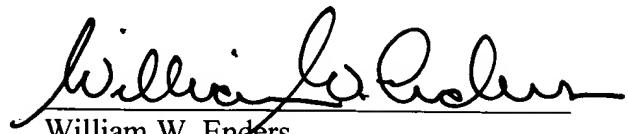


D. **Conclusion**

As shown above, pending claims 1-41 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

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